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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC RISES 13.5 PERCENT COMPARED TO WAR-AFFECTED FEBRUARY 1991

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 17, 1992 -- Airline passenger traffic increased 13.5 percent in February compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today, but the news is not as good as it sounds.

"The rise in February traffic over last year, particularly international, is more the result of comparison with last year's dismal traffic due to the war than any positive trends we see affecting the industry today," cautioned ATA Assistant Vice President David Swierenga.

In domestic service, traffic increased 1.7 percent in February, while available seat miles were up 5.8 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 55.7 percent, down from 58.0 percent for February, 1991. Passenger enplanements decreased 0.1 percent to 28.7 million.

In international service, traffic in February was up 66.0 percent. Available seat miles increased 31.2 percent. The load factor averaged 62.8 percent, compared with 49.6 percent for February 1991. 2.9 million passengers were enplaned in February

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1992, up 44.2 percent from the same period last year.

For the first two months of 1992, domestic traffic decreased 0.8 percent, and available seat miles were up 2.8 percent. The load factor decreased slightly to 54.8 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 2.1 percent, with 57.8 million passengers.

International traffic for the first two months of 1992 was up 35.0 percent. The available seat miles increased 18.4 percent, and the load factor averaged 64.0 percent, up from 56.1 percent last year. The number of passengers increased 23.2 percent to 6.0 million.

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

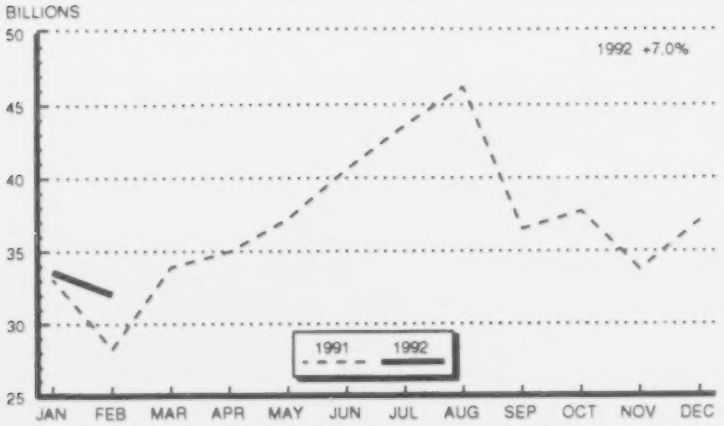
FEBRUARY 1992 - 1991

	FEBRUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	1992	1991	PERCENT CHANGE	1992	1991	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	28,709	28,724	(.1)	57,819	59,089	(2.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	23,449,771	23,064,388	1.7	47,641,246	48,018,363	(.8)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	42,104,603	39,782,086	5.8	86,970,039	84,573,881	2.8
LOAD FACTOR (%)	55.7	58.0		54.8	56.8	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,908	2,017	44.2	6,025	4,891	23.2
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,612,151	5,186,499	66.0	18,022,720	13,354,809	35.0
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	13,713,530	10,450,885	31.2	28,170,589	23,797,889	18.4
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.8	49.6		64.0	56.1	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,617	30,741	2.8	63,844	63,980	(.2)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	32,061,922	28,250,887	13.5	65,663,966	61,373,172	7.0
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	55,818,133	50,232,971	11.1	115,140,628	108,371,770	6.2
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.4	56.2		57.0	56.6	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, SOUTHWEST, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

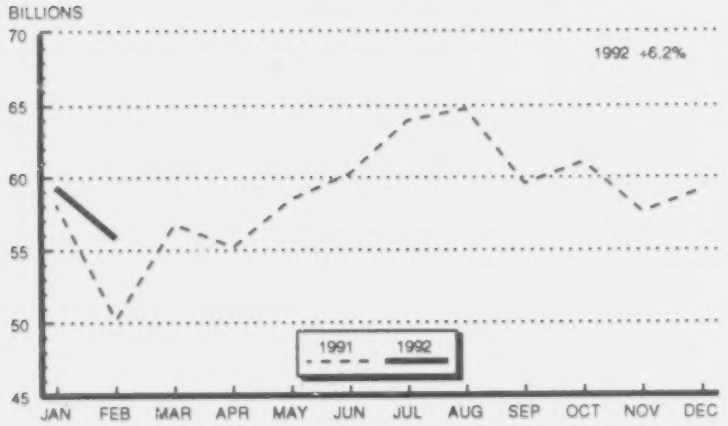
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



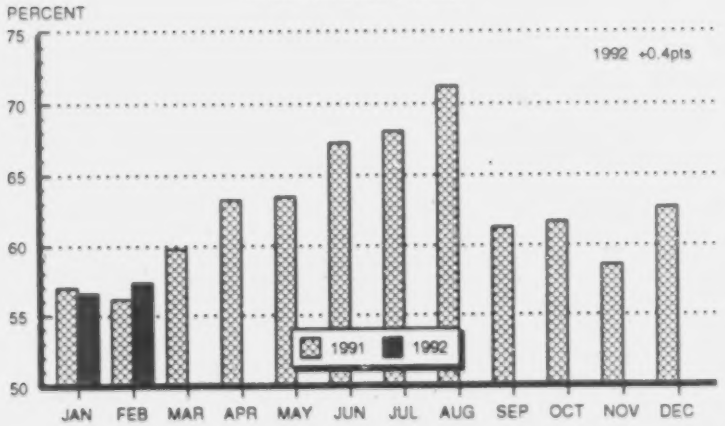
CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE	LOAD FACTOR	PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE
1991							
January	33,122,285	(1.8)	58,138,799	(1.1)	57.0	33,239	(2.4)
February	28,250,887	(10.4)	50,232,971	(5.7)	56.2	30,741	(7.4)
March	33,935,173	(11.2)	56,769,427	(5.6)	59.8	35,939	(10.3)
April	34,954,831	(4.2)	55,215,703	(6.3)	63.3	36,323	(4.2)
May	37,140,645	(0.1)	58,502,714	(4.1)	63.5	37,432	(1.2)
June	40,520,470	(2.0)	60,228,843	(2.0)	67.3	38,956	(3.5)
July	43,535,541	(0.8)	63,941,255	(1.1)	68.1	41,106	(1.3)
August	46,185,842	(0.9)	64,737,215	(1.0)	71.3	42,925	(3.3)
September	36,470,419	(0.1)	59,538,782	(1.9)	61.3	34,604	(2.2)
October	37,683,000	0.6	61,048,393	(1.8)	61.7	37,159	(2.1)
November	33,762,251	(1.9)	57,597,691	(1.4)	58.6	33,870	(5.3)
December	37,053,311	3.6	59,116,724	(1.4)	62.7	36,671	2.5
TOTAL 1991	442,614,655	(2.3)	705,068,517	(2.7)	62.8	438,965	(3.4)
Jan - Feb	61,373,172	(6.0)	108,371,770	(3.3)	56.6	63,980	(4.9)
1992							
January	33,602,044	1.4	59,322,495	2.0	56.6	32,227	(3.0)
February	32,061,922	13.5	55,818,133	11.1	57.4	31,617	2.8
TOTAL 1992	65,663,966	7.0	115,140,628	6.2	57.0	63,844	(0.2)